



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



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K Division 2022-02-09 1400hrs UPDATE COVID 19-Trucker Convoy Blockade of Canada/USA Border

ISSUE:

- Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

Current Status as of 1400hrs on 2022-02-09:

- On the heels of announcements by Alberta Premier Jason Kenney on 2022-02-08 at 17:00 that provincial mandates would be lifted in the Province of Alberta in the coming weeks, the initial mood at the Coutts crossing location appeared to escalate.
- shortly after the announcements protesters realigned the existing commercial vehicles and farm tractors to completely block the Port of Entry (POE) at the Coutts location.
- with the Border closed traffic was again stopped by police at the CP10 and CP14 location near Milk River, Alberta to keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.
- Today (February 9th) the mood amongst protesters remains status quo, as they seemed to have aligned their demands beyond the Alberta-centric provincial announcement to the national message of ending all mandates.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 16 semi-trucks are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 17 are lining the southbound lanes along with 3 personal vehicles. In the median between the N/B and S/B lanes protesters have aligned 10 farm large farm tractors and 3 commercial trucks in a Tetris like pattern to ensure no traffic can squeeze through.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 19 commercial vehicles, 34 RV's, approximately 103 passenger vehicles, and 12 farm vehicles.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 1800).
- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action. Currently the investigative team is working on some tow strategies, but have nothing concrete at the time of this report aside from one heavy duty tow truck owned by the City of Edmonton that they have removed all decals. Given it is only one tow truck, investigators are working on potential strategies that would support that asset.
- CCMG is still working hard with the community and have identified an area that would allow for a legal protest, which would enhance police and public safety. This area is owned by the Ministry of Transportation and has been approved for usage. The overarching plan is to move the protesters at CP10 to move to the safe location today, which will alleviate some of the current safety concerns.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts continues to be used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement

throughout the day.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- n/a

Signatures		
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